

REMARKS

This Amendment is offered in response to the Final Office Action of December 14, 2004.

Applicants request that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks which follow, that each of the present pending claims be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

The Office Action has rejected Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shimomura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,580).

Proposed claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended to reflect the differences from Shimomura et al. Amended claim 1 now recites that the inherent information is not information which is included in the common information, but which complements the common information. Amended claim 3 now recites that the variable information is not information which is included in the permanent information, but which complements said permanent information. Amended claim 5 now recites that said instruction information being information for notifying the receiving device that there is instruction information which the receiving device is to receive by the communication means. In applicants' view, those differences as now recited in claims make the claimed subject matters patentable over Shimomura et al.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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